of protein is being provided as nutritional support to children studying at Primary stage in Government, Government aided, Local body schools and EGS/AIE centres in the country including Andhra Pradesh. Cooked food is being given even during summer vacation in drought affected areas. There are reports of positive impact of the scheme on enrolment and attendance of children.

Indira Gandhi Post Graduate Scholarship

758. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH:
SHRIMATI HEMAMALINI:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government gave away Indira Gandhi Post Graduate Scholarship at the rate of Rs. 2000/- p.m. to single girls students recently;

(b) if so, whether it is also a fact that the number of ineligible students were also given certificates;

(c) whether it is also a fact that many students who were given certificates were in professional courses whereas the scholarships were meant for non-professional courses; and

(d)-the number of total recipients in the categories of professional and non-professionals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC), in some cases certificate awardees were found to be ineligible. However, scholarship amounts have not been released so far in such cases. Institutions, where such candidates have taken admission, have been asked to verify/certify eligibility.

(c) Information is being collected.

(d) Out of the total awardees 1451 were selected for non professional courses and 162 for professional courses.